Fred Mitchell Must Have Fed Cubs Raw Meat, As Mediocre Players Are Acting Like Chance's Old Machine

MITCHELL WORKING **MIRACLE WITH CUBS**

Despite Many Handicaps, Including Loss of Alexander. Team Is Doing Great Work.

MERKLE LEADING LEAGUE

Other Mediocre Players Are Batting Far Above Normai Average.

By SHORTSTOP.

Last winter Charley Weeghman, boss the Chicago Cubs, made many rash statements. Among them was one that he expected Grover Cleveland Alexander. Jun Vaughn and Phil Douglas each to win thirty games for his club this season and that George Tyler would be depended on to win enough to clinch the pennant for the Cubs.

All of the big predictions made for the Cubs came after the club purchased the Alexander-Killefer battery from Philadelphia. But there were other reasons why the Cubs were bound to comsons why the Cubs were bound to command respect, according to Weeghman, and his defenders. In Kilium it looked as though the club was to have the Eddie Collins among National League second basemen. This little fellow was thing around 215 when McGraw traded him to Chicago last summer, but soon after joining the Chicago club he began clouting away at a 1308 clip. With young Holocher at short the pair were expected to form one of the leading second base combinations in the game.

Now let us see what has happened to the Cubs since last winter. Alexander was drafted into the army after pitching three games for the Cubs, of which he sen two and lost one. Phil Douglas, who was to be costar with Aleck in the right handed division of the pitching staff was operated upon shortly before the Cubs left for their training camplast winter and did not appear in the Cubs left for their training camplast winter and did not appear in the club lineup until last Thursday, when he shut out Philadelphia.

Little Kilduff got off to a poor e art and was hitting only around 260 when le was benched in favor of Rollie Zeider, while Barber, who hit 352 in the International League last season, has proved as bad a "bust" with the Cubs as he did with Washington several years ago. He was hitting 150 for the first week of the season and then was quickly benched.

It might be expected that such disappointments would take all the life out of the Cubs and that Milchell's men would be fighting with Brooklyn for the bottom shelf in the league.

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But not so; a new miracle has been wrought in Chicago. With practically the same team which finished fifth in the National League hast season with a percentage of ,481 Mitchell now is burning through the National League and knocking everything saids. Among those whom he knocked aside most skilfully mere the Glants. When the Giants recently called in Chicago on their disastrous Western trip the Cubs bowled them over in three straight games.

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In the history of major league have ball only one manager, Harry Wright league have in control of the Philadelphia team can be accepted as trustworthy evidence his system was a failure.

Unquestionably Harry Wright left behind him a record of kindliness and forbearance never equalled by any manager, and the memory of the man's admirable disposition will outlive and

Mitchell must have pumped some private tonic into the veterans and mediocre players on his team to make them act that way, for every player is batting like a flend and doing tricks no one ever thought him capable of. Even such players as Chuck Deal and Rollies

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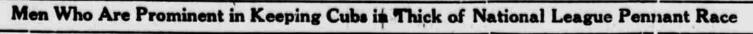
with an average close to .350. As Merkie hit over .300 only once in his long career (.309 in 1912) and has hit better than .365 only once since then, a remarkable transformation must have come over McGraw's former gatekeeper. Lesjie Mann, who was just a fair hitter with the Braves and on the 1914 hiller with the Braves and on the law world's champions was used only against left handers, has suddenly become a terror with the mace. He is booming along at a .235 pace. The highest Mann ever hit in the National League was .273

Furthermore we find Dode Paskert, he oldest active player in the National eague is clouting away at .325 average. Paskert will be 37 next August, and in his twelve year National League career has hit 300 or better only twice. Since 1912 when he hit 315, his high mark. the Merkie, he, too, has risen above 765 only once. Truly Moose Mitchell has been giving those boys something.

Max Flack, one of the few Federal League developments who hit .258 and 248 for the Cube in 1816 and 1917.

Even without Alexander and despite the absence of Douglas from the team's lineup for seven weeks, the Cub slitching has been rest good. Vaugin is pliching the ball of his life, and Tr'er cleb has been doing very effective work, though several of his victories were due to the hard hitting behind him.

Without Alexander and Douglas the right-handed section of Mitchell's staff was ripped to pieces, but Claude Hendrix, the former Pirate, has made quite a comeback this spring, and is pitching his best ball since 1912. Several youngsters, Weaver, Walker and Carter have been successfully jockeyed about by Mitchell, and they have rounded out the staff. But with Douglas fit for service, Mitchell will have the best pitching staff in the league.





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the ten years from 1884 to 1893 in-clusive.

Three times his team finished third.

He also verbally castigated those guilty of misplays, either of commission or omission, and was cordially disliked by those on the team. He also was feared by all except possibly Mike Kelly, who cringed to neither man nor demon.

Frank Chance, the Peerless Leader.

Such players as Chuck Deal and Rollie
Zeider, who have been just hanging on
to big league Jobs for the last six years,
are playing grand ball. They are important cogs in Mitchell's machine.

Then Fred Merkie, who seemed to be
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and was passed up by Brooklyn last
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It cannot be denied that many of the men on his team took advantage of his seasygoing disposition and that the pennant chances of the team suffered in consequence. Also it cannot be denied that Wright had some excellent material on his teams, including the terrific hitter. Ed Delehanty.

But he also had a collection of cutups like Jimmy Fogarty, George Wood, Joe Mulvey and others who were exceedingly lively both on and off the field.

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Prevention Philadelphia managerial berth Wright Bayers as A. G. Spalding, A. J. Reach, Ross and Captured two pennants, 1877 and 1875.

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Chicago team won pennants in 1886, 1881, 1882, 1885 and 1886, was a task-master of the unyielding sort, and he visited swift punishment on offenders against club rules. He also verbally castigated those the punishment of complete the punishment of the punishment

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The Cubs open a four gams series on the Pole Grounds must Tuesday, and an interesting time should be had by all. By no stretch of imagination can you compare the present day Cubs with those of the past, not while they have such players as Deal and Zeider on the field during game.

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FOOTBALL MAY GO

Games.

Indianapoles, June s.—The question of Mara, School, of abolishing intercollegiate football in the Western Conference colleges during the war has again come up, it became known here to-day, when it was learned that President Walliam Lowe Bryan of Henry, Indiana President Walliam Lowe Bryan of Henry Indiana President Walliam Pre

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Fred Merkle Takes Lead Among National Hitters

Former Giant Batting at a .374 Clip for Cubs-Babe Ruth of Red Sox Falls Off 53 Points, but Still Tops American League.

Fred Merkle, former Giant first base- runnerup in the National League, while man and now the biggest gun in the victory drive of the Chicago Cubs, has defend in the American League.

Benry Kauff leads the Giant regulars posed Red Smith of the Braves as leading hiter of the National League Fred is booming along at a 374 cip. Since getting back into the game Babe Ruth of the Red Sox has knocked out four more homers, but his batting average has fallen of from 418 to 385. Babe, however, still tops the American League hitters. Larry Doyle of the Giants remains the nominal leader of the National League, with an average of 426 for 15 games.

J. Carlisle Smith of the Braves is

Indiana University and written a letter to the presidents of the other universities in the conference asking their views on the subject.

President Bryan had the matter up last year, not only with the conference occleges but with President Wison II was then the subject.

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